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Conversion of Forest Villages

6434. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the number of forest villages converted into revenue villages during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): No forest village has been approved for conversion into revenue village during the last three years under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

CGHS Dispensaries in Karnataka

6435. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of dispensaries under CGHS in Karnataka, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): In Karnataka there are 10 Allopathic Dispensaries, 2 Ayurvedic Units, one Homoeopathic Unit and one Polyclinic under CGHS. These Units are functioning only in Bangalore City.

Procurement of Foodgrains in Karnataka

6436. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation of India in Karnataka during 1991-92;

(b) whether the present storage is sufficient to the need of the people in the State; and

(c) if not, the efforts made by the Food Corporation of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The total quantity of foodgrains (rice) procured by Food Corporation of India in Karnataka during 1991-92 (upto 20th March, 1992) was 96.7 thousand tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Erosion of Vikramkhol Rock Inscription

6437. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Vikramkhol rock incription inside the dense forest in Sambalpur district of Orissa, is steadily eroding;

(b) if so, the facts and the reason for such erosion; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Some tracas of erosion have been noticed on a small patch of the rock bearing the incription. The erosion is due to weathering.

(c) Steps have been taken for the conservation of the rock incription and for prevention of erosion.